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In re Application of:

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REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please add new claims 20-21 as follows.**

*elect. present*  
20. A method of treating a proliferative disease comprising implanting a stent according to claim 1.

*C1*  
21. A method of preventing a proliferative disease comprising implanting a stent according to claim 1.--